



# Barbara Lee Grissom

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**B**arbara L. Grissom, 87, of Tallahassee, went home to be with the Lord on August 1, 2021 after suffering a breakthrough infection of Covid-19. Barbara was born in Washington, D.C. on October 20, 1933 and moved to Tallahassee with her family from Virginia in 1960. She was united in marriage to William F. “Bill” Grissom who preceded her in death in 1977. Preceding her also were husband Rufus K. Latimer in 1997; mother Ruth Duffy; father Joseph Taylor; step-father Thomas Duffy; brothers Joseph Taylor, Jr., Charles Taylor, and Thomas “Eddie” Duffy, Jr.

Barbara was a retired employee of the Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by her son Michael L. Grissom (wife Annette), daughter Donna J. Overfield (husband Jim), daughter Carolyn S. Callahan (husband Phil), all of Tallahassee; grandchildren Will Grissom (wife Katie), Greg Overfield, and Andrew Callahan, of Tallahassee, Holly Grissom (fiancée Verlon Edwards) of Bigfork, Montana; great-grandchildren Celeste Callahan, Taylor Grissom, and Colton Grissom, of Tallahassee; ‘daughter’ chosen out of love Susan Weaver; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Barbara faced challenges early in life and was known for having a strong and determined spirit. Her family was her pride and joy. While raising her children she loved to spend weekends camping, boating, fishing, and serving meals around the campfire. When grandchildren came along, there were endless sleepovers at “Nannie’s house”, with shopping trips, VHS movie rentals, and spoiling of young appetites. Barbara developed a passion for Tole painting in her golden years. Throughout retirement she enjoyed attending paint class, out-of-town shopping with friends, church gatherings, family get-togethers, and visiting her great-grandchildren, who were truly her delight.



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Barbara lived life to the fullest. She was an accomplished dancer, roller-skater, tree climber, horseback rider, and connoisseur of classic movies. She leaves cherished memories with all who knew her, and a legacy of love.

Memorial services will be scheduled for a later date. Tributes and expressions of sympathy may be made on the Lifesong Funerals and Cremations website. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Gideons International or Wycliffe Bible Translators.



## Tribute Wall

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MD

**Mary Taylor Dose** posted:

My cousin, Barbara Taylor Grissom, and I grew up in Northern Va. near Washington, DC. We had contact with each other in childhood and in later years when my husband and I visited Ft. Walton Beach, and Barbara in Tallahassee. It was a pleasure to meet her as an adult, and find she was a "force of nature", a lady who was spiritual, had a wonderful family, an interesting life, and was very entertaining with her wonderful sense of humor. Our visits were always filled with laughter. We loved to hear her stories. She was a very caring person, sending cheer, and thinking of others when her health was at a low ebb. We shared a hobby - decorative painting, which she excelled in. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends. Dan and Mary Lou Taylor Dose'

August 16 at 12:34 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vaughan** posted:

My beautiful Aunt Barbara opened her heart and her love to me. I will miss our telephone conversations and visits. We were kindred spirits. Brian and I will miss her dearly. She was the best.

August 5 at 6:15 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vaughan** lit a candle in honor of Barbara.



August 5 at 6:02 PM

MC

**Mark Corbett** posted:

At this stage, I usually have a hard time remembering what I did last week, but I vividly remember the many (many, many) times that your folks and you guys were kind enough to let me tag along with you to the state park for the week-end, some 45-50 years ago I guess. As long as I was with 'The Grissom's', my folks were always good with it no matter where I was going. More recently, your Mom would often stop by if I was outside and get me up to date on you guys and your families happenings. I will sorely miss those visits. I will always remember her and your Dad, and the impact they had on me, and how kind they were to me. Those will always be my Good 'ol Days. Kirby, aka Mark Corbett

August 5 at 7:30 AM



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BT

**Barbara Taylor** posted:

It was with sadness my family and I learned of Barbara's passing. We have many fond memories of good times shared with Barbara, Bill and their family. When I married her brother Charlie decades ago, I knew she was a strong, dedicated woman of faith and has remained so all these years. Barbara's love for God, her Family, Friends and Country has been unwavering, in addition to her kindness, sharp wit and good humor. Sincere condolences to all the family. Barbara will always be well remembered With Love.Barbara Taylor

August 3 at 8:05 PM

KR

**Kim Ross** posted:

Barbara was like a sister to my parents and a second mother to me. I cannot remember a time when she was not in our lives supporting my family through good times and bad. Her love for God and family was deep. Words cannot express how much she will be missed but we rejoice in knowing that because of Calvary, we will see her again soon! Love you Barbara!

August 3 at 6:18 PM

AG

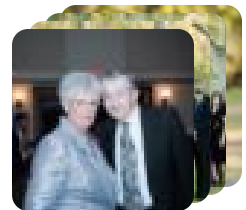
**Annette Grissom** posted:

For 44 years, this woman has been my other mom. I loved the time I shared with her and how much she loved our family. Her faith was unwavering and her hope for the everlasting was unshakable. She was generous and kind and I will always miss her tight hugs and crystal clear blue eyes. I love you so much and will miss you until we see each other again.

August 3 at 2:17 PM

AN

**Annette** shared an album called **Remembering Barbara**.

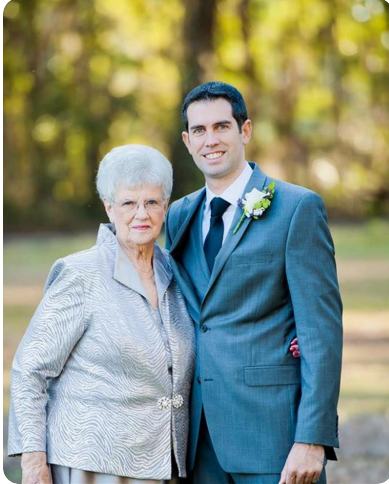


August 3 at 1:49 PM



Annette shared 4 photos to the Remembering Barbara album.

August 3 at 1:49 PM



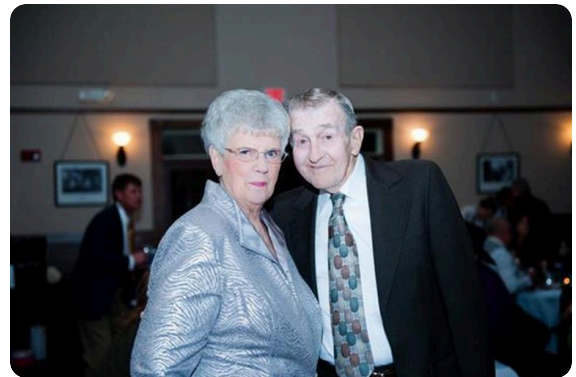
Nan and Will



Grissom Family



Nan and her Grands



Barbara and LD



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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